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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 02-1227-A)

In re Application of:)	
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Bao et al.)	
)	Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson
U. S. Serial No.:)	
10/735,357)	Art Unit: 1634
)	
Filed:)	
December 12, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 2590
)	
For: Direct SNP detection with unamplified DNA)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 10, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated July 10, 2006 which included a restriction requirement. A Petition for an extension of time (two months) is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the extension fee from deposit account 13-2490. It is believed that no additional fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our deposit account 13-2490. Consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested.

An **Amendment to the Claims** section can be found on page 2; and

A **Remarks** section can be found on page 28.